

AGN. NO. _____

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR MICHAEL D. ANTONOVICH

SEPTEMBER 29, 2009

RELATED TO AGENDA ITEM #17

Agenda item 17 on today's agenda recommends the consolidation of the Board of Governors, County Arboreta and Botanical Gardens with the Parks and Recreation Commission, effective December 1, 2009. This consolidation would save the County \$10,000 in staff support and resources.

The Board of Governors, County Arboreta and Botanical Gardens and the Parks and Recreation Commission both play an important role advising and providing support to the Board of Supervisors, the Director of Parks and Recreation, and other County officers as to the acquisition, improvements, and management of County parks and other recreational areas and facilities.

The Board of Governors, County Arboreta and Botanical Gardens currently meets quarterly and the Parks and Recreation Commission currently meets on a monthly basis. By reducing the frequency of meetings for the Parks and Recreation Commission to quarterly, the costs for staff support and resources would be reduced by approximately \$19,316.68, a substantially greater savings than the consolidation of both bodies. Both the Parks Commissioners and the Department of Parks and Recreation agree that 12 meetings a year is excessive and unnecessary. However, their functions are sufficiently different that they should remain separate.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors:

1. maintain both the Board of Governors, County Arboreta and Botanical Gardens and the Parks and Recreation Commission; and
2. keep both bodies independent and allow them to continue with their roles in support of our County recreational efforts.

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I, FURTHER MOVE that the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation work with the Parks and Recreation Commission to reduce the frequency of its meetings from monthly to quarterly, and to work with the Commission on changing its bylaws to reflect this cost saving measure.

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